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In re Application of:)
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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following copending U.S. patent applications:

| <u>Appln. No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Group Art Unit</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| 09/537,877 | March 29, 2000 | Unknown | Pending |
| 09/536,457 | March 28, 2000 | Unknown | Pending |
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| 09/134,516 | August 14, 1998 | 2766 | Pending |
| 08/996,132 | December 22, 1997 | 3642 | Allowed |

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of the cited U.S. applications is enclosed.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three months of the filing date.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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